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Honorable James J. Rowley
Director, U. S. Secret Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Although you have sometimes failed to respond to my letters at all in the past, have never replied with full forthrightness or without evasiv ness, I persist in what for an American should not be a strange notion, that at some point his government and its officials will deal with him a completely aboveboard manner. This, it seems to me, is especially im portant when the subject matter is the murder of an American President those government officials know that the official explanation is not cor and are, in their own ways, so recorded.

Perhaps, with the new year, there will be a new spirit in Washington, a willingness not to suppress and misrepresent.

It is with this hope and spirit that I write you about Secret Service e dence, Control Nos. 703 and 109, and what, according to the National Ar chives, is missing from their files.

The first words after the synopsis of Control No. 703 are, "Reference i made to previous reports in this case, particularly report dated 11/25/ by SAIC L.M.Benavides and my memorandum to SAIC Benavides dated 11/26/6

If the first part of this sentence refers to the other person named in it cannot be found under his name at the Archives. If it refers to Mr John Tarsikes, there is nothing further on her. And if it refers to ot aspects of the same subject, there, too, whatever SAIC Rice refers to i not found. His memo of 11/26/63 also is not there. All of this should be, because it should all have been supplied the Warren Commission and hence remain in its files. If, for any reason, it has been misfiled or otherwise disappeared, I presume you can and will replace it promptly. it is not in the files, or was not, it can be only because the Secret S vice did not supply it, and that I do not believe.

It seems difficult to believe the Secret Service, which had its own con siderable interest in tracing down some parts of this story (until it w forced out of it), allowed the matter to rest at the unsatisfactory poi where these reports leave it. I would appreciate reference to any subs quent reports on Mrs. Tarsikes and others involved in this subject, and on the subject itself, and being informed when the missing documents ar replaced.

If the Secret Service turned this aspect over to the FBI, which what I have seen in the files does not indicate, I would appreciate knowing th

I hope it will be as obvious to you as it is to me that there is nothin all here justifying any secrecy, nothing that can in any way damage inn cent people, nor anything that will disclose technical secrets or sourc of information.

Please, may I hear from you promptly and fully?